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A.—(a) The Special Officer of the District Board has reported that he proposes to confirm the resolution fixing the total and elective strengths of the taluk boards on the 21st October 1928 and expects to hold the elections for taluk boards in the first half of January next year. Elections of members to the district board will be held as soon as the elections and nominations to taluk boards have been completed

(b) The strength of the district board has been fixed at fifty-two members of whom forty will be elected.

The ZAMINDAR OF GOLLAPALLI:—"Will the hon the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state the strength of the taluk board of Kistna and the number of nominations?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"The Government have not that information."

## Poor-houses

*Government aid to the Beggars' Home, Madras.*

* 593 Q.—The ZAMINDAR OF GOLLAPALLI: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) what help the Government are rendering to the Beggars' Home at Madras; and

(b) whether they will be pleased to introduce legislation to enable the city police to send all street beggars to that asylum?

A.—(a) The Government transferred to the Corporation in 1925 the old Leper Hospital buildings in which the Beggars' Home is now located. No other financial assistance is being given by Government.

(b) The question of legislation is under correspondence with the Corporation of Madras.

## Religious and Charitable Endowments

*Nomination of a member from the Nagarathar community to the Temple Committee, South Arcot.*

* 594 Q.—Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) the reasons for nominating M.R.Ry. Diwan Bahadur A. M. M. Murugappa Chettiyar, M.L.C., as a Member of the Temple Committee, South Arcot, especially when a member of the Nagarathar community (Mr. A. Muthiah Chettiyar, son of Sir A. Annamalai Chettiyar, *Kt.*), has been nominated thereto;

(b) whether it is a fact that Mr. Murugappa Chettiyar has no landed property in Chidambaram taluk or anywhere in the district of South Arcot;

(c) whether it is a fact that he does not reside in Chidambaram and has no place of residence in South Arcot;

(d) what interests were intended to be served by his nomination;

(e) the reasons for not nominating a member of the Vellala community to the Committee;